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FROM THE VATICAN OFFICE

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SUBJECT: VATICAN AND CHILE- (NEW PAPA NUNN O OKMONSIGNOR AN-
GELO SODANO)

1. MONSIGNOR ANGELO SODANO, THE NEW PAPAL NUNCIO TO CHILE, IS
EXPECTED TO ASSUME HOST AT SANTIAGO DURING MARCH 1978.

2. MONSIGNOR SODANO WASBORN ON THE ISLAND OF ASTI NOVEMBER 23,
1927; WAS ORDAINED PRIEST SEPTEMBER 23, 1950, AND MADE AN ARCH-
BISHOP ON JANUARY 15, 1970. MHE HOLDS DEGREES IN THEOLOGY AND
CANON LAW AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE PONTIFICAL DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY.
SODANO ENTERED THE VATICAN DDEPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1961 AND HAS
HELD POSTS IN QUITO, MONTEVIDEO AND SANTIAGO. SINCE 1968, HE HAS BEEN
SERVING AT THE VATICAN'S FOREIGN OFFICE (THE COUNCIL FOR THE PUBLIC
AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH) AS ADVISER ON LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND AS
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF EAST AND WEST GERMNY. HE SPEEKS FRENCH,
ENGLISH, ITALIAN, SPANISH AND GERMAN.

3. MONSIGNOR SODANO IS WELL KNOWN TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT'S
PERSONAL ENVOY TO THE VATICAN AND IN OUR CONTACTS WITH HIM WE
HAVE NOTED AFRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. OBJECTIVES IN
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LATIN AMERICA AND HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY HIS INTELLECTUAL
GRASP OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. HIS PRIOR SERVICE IN
SANTIAGO (1966-68) AND THE SPECIAL TRUST IN HIM BY
VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI ARE TWO
FACTORS CITED IN VATICAN CIRCLES FOR HIS ELEVATION TO
PAPAL NUNCIO TO CHILE AT A TIME WHEN CHURCH-STATE AND INTRA-
CHURCH RELATIONS IN CHILE ARE CONSIDERED ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE

SODANO IS EXPECTED BY THE VATICAN TO RESTORE UNITY WITHIN
THE CHURCH HIERARCHY IN CHILE AND TO PROD THE
GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TOWARDS GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.
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